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CLERK: Mr. President, LB 589. The E & R amendments have been adopted and on Friday the bill was laid over. There now are a series of amendments on the bill. These amendments are virtually all found on Page 1919 and following of the Legislative Journal. The first amendment is offered by Senator Warner which reads as follows: Amend LB 589 by striking the Burbach amendment adopted on General File May 15th found on Page 1876 of the Journal. Signed Senator Warner.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I renew the motion of... the first amendment, I assume, was to strike the Burbach amendment, is that correct?

PRESIDENT: Yes.

SENATOR WARNER: The arguments that I mentioned the other day, it seemed to me that the only thing that needs to be done today for this year is the adjustment in the income tax rate to 12, which is adequate for the coming year, and as I understand the Burbach amendment, it struck out the limit of 12 which was adopted by the body the other day, and secondly, it would have the Board of Equalization meet within 15 days of when the Legislature adjourns to change the rate. There may be some reason for doing that in the future but it would seem to me that the adoption of a motion of 12 at this point would be adequate and no further action would be needed relative to rate setting procedure in the current year as far as correcting those express obligations and other obligations that the state or appropriations that the state had should have been considered last November.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, once more, as I rose Friday and spoke to this, in my opinion, at least, it seems to me that the Burbach amendment does have lots of merit, and while we are looking at tax structure and the operations of setting the tax structure, it seems to me appropriate that this amendment would be really applicable at this time. I would hope that this body would see fit to give the State Board of Equalization an opportunity to look at revenues and expenditures more than just once a year and this last year when we ran into economic situation that is not normal, I think proved the point that they should have an opportunity more than just once a year to look at it. I would hope that Senator Warner's motion would not be approved. In addition to that, even though the Burbach amendment did wipe out the 12%, I am sure that without too much difficulty, if we see fit to put a rate back in, we can do it while we are on 589. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: Well, again to set the record straight, I did explain to this body the other day that because of the time schedule for this amendment which I offered and which was adopted, we did strike the 12% that we were discussing